

Application No. 10/767,812

Docket No.: 65856-0055

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-45 are pending. Claims 1, 18, 28, and 41 are independent claims. In the Final Office Action, claims 41-45 were allowed, and claim 7 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Further, claims 1-6, 8-11, 14-21, and 24-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over United States Patent Publication 2002/0027504 ("Davis") in view of United States Patent Publication 2003/0088346 ("Calkins"). Further, claims 12-13 and 22-23 were rejected under Section 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Davis in view of Calkins and further in view of United States Patent Publication 2003/0040873 ("Lesesky").

Claim 7 is canceled herein. Further, claims 1, 18, and 28 are amended to recite subject matter previously found in claim 7. However, Applicants believe that claims 1, 18, and 28 as originally filed are patentable, and reserve the right to pursue these claims as originally filed in a continuation application.

All pending claims now recite subject matter indicated by the Examiner to be allowable, and therefore, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees or if the Examiner believes that any formal matters require attention, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 65856-0055, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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